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The average daily circulation of the Barre Daily Times for the week ending Saturday was

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copies, the largest paid circulation of any daily paper in this section.

AN EXAMPLE IN CLEANLINESS.

One Barre youth, whoever he is, by a most simple and commonplace act, deserves a world of commendation; he also sets an excellent example in cleanliness and orderliness for the other boys of the city and those who have passed beyond the boy age. After eating a banana on Main street the youth held the rind in his hand until he came to one of the metal receptacles, expressly provided for such refuse, and dropped it in. The act was a good commentary on the training that the lad had received at home. Many boys—too many—would not have taken the pains to throw the refuse into the receptacle but would have hurled it into the street, where, if it escaped the notice of the street cleaner, would have become disagreeable and an eyesore as well. Untidy streets are caused by such carelessness, but can be rendered comparatively clean and tidy through the exercise of a little care and thoughtfulness such as the lad displayed. We should have a much more attractive city were all the residents to profit by the example, not alone regarding the Main street pavement but on all the streets of the city.

Those 122 lives might not have been lost in Colorado Sunday night had the officials of the Rio Grande railway taken the precaution which all railroads should for the safety of their passengers. After such a severe cloudburst as was experienced there, an inspection of the track and bridges should have been made before they were trusted. If the precaution had been taken the weakness of the bridge would have been apparent and the terrible calamity would have been averted. But as in the great theatre fire in Chicago and the more disastrous steamboat horror in New York, there was the peculiar careless disregard of human life which characterizes people nowadays. A halt must be called sooner or later.

The Quincy granite men were given a royal good time during their visit at Barre and must have carried away an excellent opinion of Vermont hospitality. Such foregatherings are good things and help to give that width of outlook and feeling of fellowship that is at the heart of all progress.—Ludlow Tribune.

It certainly is a fact that the Barre and the Quincy dealers in granite did gain a wider view of the granite business than would have been possible by merely staying at home—their horizon was considerably broadened.

In spite of ex-Senator George F. Edmunds' plain statement before the Vermont Bar association that he should "always be a resident of Vermont," the St. Albans Messenger thinks him "a man without much sentimental attachment for the things that other people love." This because Senator Edmunds has gone, like a good many other Vermonters, to another state to reside.

We hear more or less every fall of the brutality of foot ball, but base ball has a good deal to answer for this year. There have been nine killed in base ball accidents this year and something like 50 seriously injured. Never in the history of the sport have so many men been hurt by pitched balls as this season.

By the way, let's hear something from Eli H. Porter, Democratic candidate for governor. In politics it's ruleable nowadays, we know, to maintain a calm and dignified silence, but a good many would like to hear from him because he generally says sensible things.

Less than a month to the time when Gov. McCullough will evacuate, and "Gov." Bell occupy the Vermont fortress.

Everybody listen. Alton B. Parker of Rosemont, Esopus, N. Y., is to say some thing tomorrow.

There was just breath enough of winter to make people shiver this morning.

TALES OF CITIES.

Reading, Pa., has a "bar club." New York is said by many travelers to be the noisiest city in the world.

Milwaukee has a population of between 320,000 and 325,000, according to the latest school census.

Worcester, Mass., had to print its Fourth of July regulations in ten languages, while Boston used but four.

Cleveland is to have a Pasteur institute, and its director will be Dr. H. H. Brownlee, a professor in the College For Physicians and Surgeons.



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ABOUT THE STATE.

Items of Interest Gleaned From Our Exchanges.

The third annual convention of the Vermont Branch of the American Federation of Labor will be held at Bellows Falls Tuesday, September 20.

Boston capitalists who have had in consideration for the past several months the project of building a dam across the Connecticut river at Brattleboro are satisfied that the enterprise is feasible and have given assurances that they intend to take the matter into their own hands at once.

A letter has been received from the Rt. Rev. Arthur C. A. Hall, of Burlington, announcing his safe arrival at Naples July 15. Bishop Hall at time of writing was in excellent health. He was passing a few days in southern Italy and later planned to visit Florence, Venice, and places farther north in Italy.

JINGLES AND JESTS.

Most Interesting of All.
I want to know what makes the bark grow on some trees so thick, to find just how a cat does in the dark.
And why an owl all day is blind.
I want to know the reason for the bullfrog's deep voiced racket when the moon comes up along the shore;
Why laying eggs upsets a hen.
I want to know a lot of things.
Like these—to get the experts' views—
But not just now. I've got my jingles.
To keep up with the baseball news.
—Judge.

Against the Veil.
He—I don't like to see a bride wear a veil.
She—You don't?
He—No; I don't. Why, you can't see whether she's laughing at the groom or crying for him.—Yonkers Statesman.

Early Ingenuity.



"Whatever are you children doing?"
"Oh, we've found pa's false teeth, and we're trying to fit them on to the baby, 'cos he hasn't got any?"

SIRENS AND SONS.

George W. Vanderbilt holds the old ancestral farm on Staten Island and refuses to sell it.

Edgar Coyless, now mayor of Honolulu, was formerly one of the leading jockeys of Denver.

Clark J. Fitzpatrick, aged fifteen, a freshman of Loyola college, Baltimore, has committed to memory Homer's "Odyssey"—12,000 lines.

Dr. Nansen has lapsed into the unromantic role of a country gentleman in Norway, where he owns three estates. He spends his time mainly in hunting and fishing.

Colonel John Jacob Astor spends much of his time in the attic of his house in Fifth avenue, New York, studying and experimenting in electrical science.

Lord Lansdowne, the present British minister for foreign affairs, has held the post of viceroy of India. In that capacity he used at times to walk about Calcutta in disguise in order to obtain native opinion at first hand.

Lord Curzon is said to be one of the most economical dressers in the British peerage. He wears his clothes out, fairly to the last thread. One of his valets is a practical tailor and keeps trousers and coats in the best of condition.

Joseph Chamberlain first wore a single eyeglass many years ago while acting the part of Puff in the famous play called "The Critic" at some Birmingham theatricale. He found it suited his appearance and continued to wear it off the stage.

Nelson A. Miles first went to work in a crockery store. He used his spare time in the study of military drill and tactics and at the outbreak of the civil war raised a company of volunteers and entered the service with the rank of captain, but being considered too young for this post was changed to lieutenant.

Theodore Thomas, the grand old man of the orchestra, who is in years nearly three score and ten, has the physical vigor of youth. Constant swinging of his arms has given him the physique of the athlete, and the man who has wrought so much for American music is able to go on achieving more for some years to come.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Do you remember the time, long, long ago, when you ate breakfast-flores breakfasts?—Kansas City World.

No wonder the exportation of breadstuffs is falling off. All the poor of Europe are coming here to be fed.—Oakland (Cal.) Tribune.

People who studied geography some years ago are asking where the "h" in Tibet has gone to. It seems to have eloped with the apostrophe in L'Hassaa.—Hartford Courant.

Soft shell crabs are now almost as dear as beef. Mosquitoes have come with the heat. The straw vote man is already beginning his work. Can human nature endure the strain?—New York Herald.

Few children will die of cholera infantum and similar ailments if attention is given to their food. The greatest mortality from cholera infantum is among babies that are fed from a bottle or are nourished by patent foods.—Cleveland Leader.

CHURCH AND CLERGY.

The address of Bishop Brooke of Oklahoma and Indian Territories until Oct. 1 is Gambler, O.

Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale is now an L.L. D. of Williams college, from which his father graduated a hundred years ago.

The church is slowly gaining ground in England. Ten years ago the communicants numbered only one in eighteen of the population, now the proportion is one in fifteen.

Last year over 10,000 new members were added to the Woman's Home Missionary society. The growth in young people's circles and children's bands has also been unusual.

The Rev. Karl Schwartz, minister of the Church of the Saviour, Syracuse, N. Y., suggests that the name be changed to the Huntington Memorial church as a memorial to the late Bishop Huntington.

THE WRITERS.

Stamp collecting has for some time been a great hobby of Mr. Alfred Austin, the English poet laureate.

Mme. Rostand, wife of the famous French author who wrote "Cyrano de Bergerac" and "L'Aiglon," is about to issue a volume of her own poems.

Mrs. Wilson Woodrow, the writer, has adopted the pen name of N. M. W. Woodrow in order to escape confusion with Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, to which both were constantly subjected.

F. Hopkinson Smith recently remarked: "If I can tell the whole story of my novel in five minutes at a dinner table and secure the undivided attention of my listeners I know that it is good. If I fail to do this my work will be in vain."

ANIMAL ODDITIES.

Earwigs are hatched from eggs like chickens.

Serpents will live six months or longer without food.

The skeleton alone of an average whale weighs twenty-five tons.

The largest serpent ever measured was a Mexican anaconda, which was found to be thirty-seven feet in length.

A horse in good condition can exist about twenty-five days without food, so long as he has plenty of water. If he has food without water, five days would probably end his existence.

LIVING SILVER.

The Process by Which Mercury is Extracted From Cinnabar.

The chief source of mercury is its native sulphide, cinnabar. The most important mines of this mineral in Europe are those of Almaden, in Spain, and Idria, in Illyria; in America, those of New Almaden, in California.

The silvery metal is obtained by roasting the ores in specially constructed open furnaces, where, by the action of atmospheric air alone, the sulphur is converted into sulphurous acid and passes on with the volatilized mercury into condensers. These are usually masonry chambers, with water cooled pipes, from which the fumes pass on through earthenware pipes and finally through others of wood and glass.

Most of the yield is liquid mercury, combined with soot, which is removed by agitating the mixture in receptacles of perforated iron, when the mercury falls through. The quicksilver is finally purified by straining through dense linen and is then sent out into commerce in leather bags or wrought iron bottles fitted with screw plugs, each holding about seventy-five pounds avoirdupois.

THE WORD BOGUS.

There Are Several Plausible Theories as to Its Origin.

The word "bogus" is said by Dr. Ogilvie to be derived from Boghesse, the name of a notorious American swindler who about the year 1835 flooded the western and southwestern states with counterfeit bills, sham mortgages and such like. Others connect the word with "bogie," a scarecrow or goblin, and so applied to anything fictitious or chimerical.

Loyall in the "Biglow Papers" says, "I more than suspect the word to be a corruption of the French bagasse." This bagasse was the sugar cane as delivered in its dry, crushed state from the mill, called also cane trash, and fit only for burning, being thus synonymous with useless rubbish.

Again, according to Brewer, there is in French argot, or thieves' slang, a word, bogue, which signifies the rind of a green chestnut or the case of a watch, and this also brings us to the idea of an outward seeming without any solid and reputable foundation.—Pearson's Weekly.

An East Prussia Custom.

Midsummer day, or St. John the Baptist's day, is a festival of much importance among the Masur peasant girls in east Prussia. On this day they each make a wreath, and each in turn tries to throw her wreath so as to lodge it on a fruit tree. A girl must keep on throwing until her wreath stays in the branches, and the number of attempts is supposed to indicate the number of years she will have to wait to get married. When the girls are thus engaged the young men of the village stand around chaffing them when they miss. The girl who lands her wreath at the first attempt is vehemently applauded. The Masurs are Poles who live in that part of Prussia which was once part of Poland.

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